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SPEAKER of the Honourable
House of COMMONS,

TO THE
KINGS most Excellent MAJESTY.

Delivered on Friday the Eighteenth day of
January 1666.



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**I** Do appoint Robert Pawlet to print this  
Speech, and that no other presume to print  
the same.

Edw. Turnor.

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May it please Your Most Excellent Majesty,

SINCE the Two Houses of
Parliament, by Your
Majesties Command,
were last Convened, they
have with great care in-
spected the State of the Kingdome:
They finde Your Majesty engaged in a
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sharp and costly Warre, opposed by mighty Princes, and States, that are in conjunction against us, they see with sorrow, the greatest part of your *Metropolitan City* buried in ashes. These are *Ardua Regni*, indeed, and fit only for the advise of a Loyal Parliament. But, SIR, looking more narrowly into things, we found our Body Politick entring into a Consumption, our Treasures, that are the sinews of War, and the bond of Peace, are much exhausted; the great aydes which are given to your Majesty for the maintenance of the War, are but like the blood in its circulation, which will return again, and nourish all the parts; but a great deal is yearly transported *in specie* into *France* to bring home Apes and Peacocks, and the best returns are but superfluities and vanities: We have therefore unanimously besought Your Majesty to stop this issue of blood, and We hope Your Majesties most seasonable and
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gracious Proclamation, will prevent the future expiration of these Spirits.

We have likewise been allarm'd from all parts of the Kingdome by the insolencies of Popish Priests and Jesuits, who by their great numbers and bold writings declare to all the World, they are in expectation of a plentiful harvest here in *England*: But Your Majesty by Your gracious answer to the desire of Both Your Houses, Your command for all Officers and Souldiers in Your Majesties pay to take the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, and Your Proclamation for the departure of Priests and Jesuites out of this Nation, have in a great measure secured us against those Fears.

When Your Majesty was pleased at the opening of this Session of Parliament to speak to us, You commanded
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Us to finde out the best Expedients we could, for carrying on the War with as little burthen to the people as was possible. The Knights, Citizens and Burgesles of the Commons House of Parliament have industriously applyed themselves to the consideration of this matter. They quickly resolved of a Supply for Your Majesty suitable to your occasions of 1800000 l. but it hath taken up much of their time, so to lay this Ayd, that it may not seem a burthen. A little weight lying alwayes upon one shoulder will at length become uneasie, but being shifted sometimes to the other shoulder, there will be some refreshment.

The greatest part of the Taxes that have been raised these Six and Twenty years, were laid upon our Lands, which made us desire to give them some rest; We have therefore prepared a Poll bill, whereby we have brought in all sorts of persons

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persons, professions, and personal estates
to give their assistance to Your Majesty,
and to ease the Land Tax; *Mul-*
torum manibus grande levatur onus: This
Bill we hope will speedily bring in a
considerable Sum of ready money for
Your Majesties present use. We
have likewise taken care for supplying
the remainder of the 1800000 *l.* by a-
nother Bill remaining with us, which
in a short time will be ready to be pre-
sented to your Majesty.

The better to enable your Majesties
good Subjects to pay these several
Aydes, and with chearfulness to sup-
ply your Majesties future occasions,
We thought it necessary to remove a
Nuisance out of their way, the infinite
number of Forreign Cattel that were
daily imported, did glut our markets,
and bring down the prizes both of our
home-bred Cattel, and our Lands;
therefore we have prepared a Bill for
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the prohibiting the importation of any
Forreign Cattel for 7. years.

We finde your Majesties Mint is
not so well imployed as formerly, and
the reason is, because the fees and wa-
ges of the Officers and Workmen is in
part payd out of the Bullion that is
brought thither to be coyned, and what
is wanting is made up by your Maje-
sty; We have therefore for the ease of
your Majesty and those that shall bring
in any Plate or Bullion to be coyned
there, made another provision by an
Imposition upon Wines, Brandy, or
Syder imported from any Forreign
Nations.

Having given your Majesty this
short Account at present, We shall
with Your leave return to perfect those
Bills that still remain with Us; and
we hope so to finish them to Your
Majesties satisfaction, that all Your

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Majesties Enemies both at home and abroad may see, and feel the effects of this blessed Correspondence between Our Gracious King and his Loyal Parliament.

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